

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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In times of fiscal constraint, the County has a special obligation to examine all of its operations to ensure that it continues to deliver essential services to as many people as need them, and that these services are as good as they can be. Otherwise, the County wastes limited resources, and people are deprived of essential services.

Of the County’s \$16 billion budget, perhaps as much as \$4 billion is spent on contracted services. Many of these contractors deliver critical human services through the departments of Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services and Probation.

Yet, none of these departments effectively monitors its contractors to ensure that they consistently provide the services expected of them. This has been brought to our attention several times over the past year through the Auditor-Controller’s spot-audits of certain contractors who are not only failing to provide their contracted services but are also defrauding the County. The Auditor-Controller has concluded that these incidents are endemic of a structural challenge in the County: a lack of consistent professional contract monitoring. These findings are detailed in the Auditor-Controller’s April 24<sup>th</sup> report.

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YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____
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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Auditor-Controller establish pilot projects to test the merits of centralizing the County's contract monitoring function in the Auditor-Controller's office.

**I, FUTHER, MOVE** that the Auditor-Controller report back to the Board by May 30<sup>th</sup> with details of the pilot projects, and the resources required to proceed with them.